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SUBJECT: AMERICAN PRISONERS IN BOLIVIA

REF: STATE 15292

1. I HAVE ARRANGED DINNER MEETING WITH MINISTER OF INTERIOR FOR JANUARY 25 TO DISCUSS PROPOSED TEAM VISIT AS DESCRIBED IN REFTEL AND WILL SEEK TO OBTAIN HIS CONCURRENCE WHICH I BELIEVE IS NECESSARY. HE IS NOW IN SANTA CRUZ. I WILL CABLE WEDNESDAY MORNING JAN 26 HIS REACTION.

2. I HAVE APPOINTMENT WEDNESDAY JAN 26, WITH SENIOR SUB-SECRETARY IN FOREIGN MINISTRY, MARCELO TERCEROS BANZER, AND WILL BRIEF HIM ON PROPOSED VISIT, GIVE HIM AIDE-MEMOIRE, AND TELL HIM OF INTERIOR MINISTER'S REACTION. THE PURPOSE OF THAT MEETING WILL BE TO INFORM MINISTRY.

3. FOR MY PART, I CONTINUE TO OFFER CONCURRENCE AND SUPPORT. THE COMPOSITION OF THE TEAM LOOKS EXCELLENT TO ME AND TO OUR STAFF. CONSUL ED MILBURN HAS BEEN DESIGNATED ESCORT OFFICER AS THE APPROPRIATE EMBASSY OFFICER.

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4. SINCE ONE OF THE OBJECTIVES IS TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ON LEGAL SITUATION OF EACH PRISONER, TEAM MAY FIND IT WILL WANT TO TALK WITH OTHER THAN JUST THE PRISONERS. OFTEN THEY PROFESS NOT TO KNOW WHAT THEIR SITUATION IS. CONSUL MILBURN WILL BE ABLE TO HELP ON THIS.

5. IT IS POSSIBLE TO WORK OUT TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS FOR SANTA CRUZ AND COCHABAMBA AS THERE ARE FREQUENT FLIGHTS BETWEEN LA PAZ AND THOSE CITIES. THIS IS RAINY SEASON WHICH SOMETIMES COMPLICATES SCHEDULES. AS SOON AS WE KNOW TRIP IS ON, WE WILL BUY TICKETS TO ENSURE SPACES. WE DOUBT WHETHER TEAM WILL NEED TO DAYS IN SANTA CRUZ AND ONE DAY IN COCHABAMBA, RATHER WE SUGGEST ONE IN SANTA CRUZ AND ONE IN COCHABAMBA, GIVING MORE TIME IN LA PAZ, WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED.

6. IN ACCORDANCE WITH USUAL PROCEDURES AND TO FACILITATE TEAM MAKING PROMPT AND EFFECTIVE USE OF ITS TIME IN HIGH ALTITUDE, EMBASSY REQUESTS TEAM MEMBERS HAVE PHYSICAL EXAM, IF THEY HAVE NOT HAD ONE IN PAST SIX MONTHS OR SO, WITH CONCENTRATION ON HEART, AND LUNGS.
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